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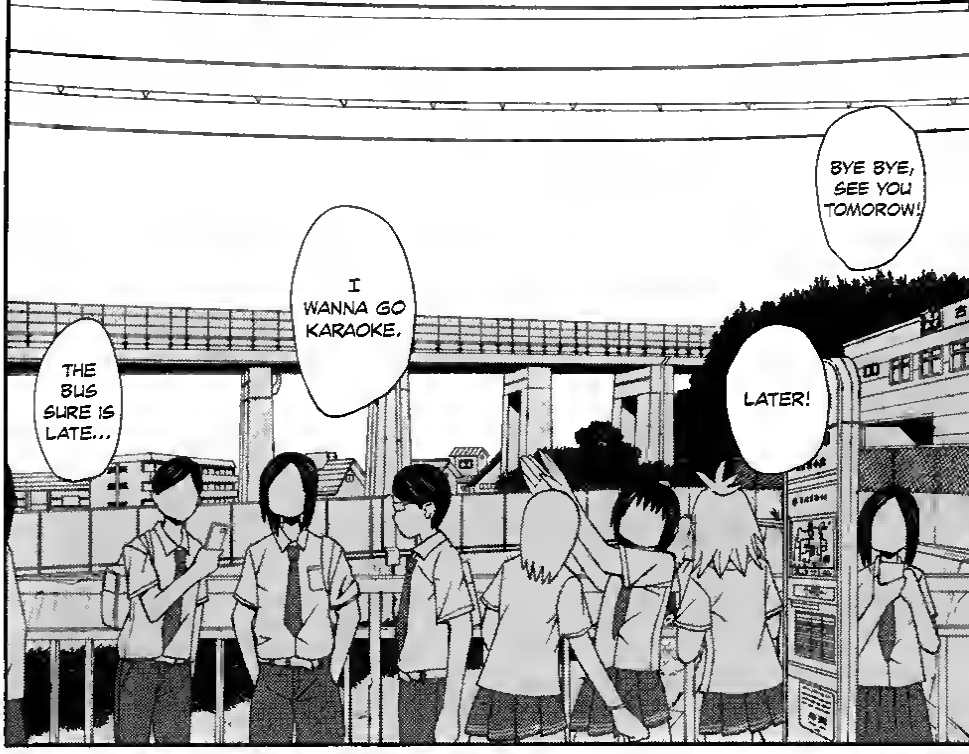
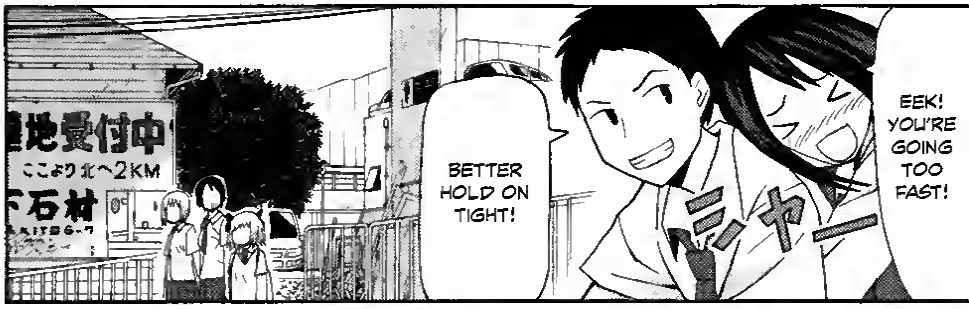
CHAPTER 8:

THE STORY OF HOSHIHATA TAMAKI, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, 17 YEARS OLD KANAMURA NANAMI, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, 17 YEARS OLD ONIGAHARA JURIKO, HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, 16 YEARS OLD


BYE BYE, SEE YOU TOMOROW!
LATER!
I WANNA GO KARAOKE.
THE BUS SURE IS LATE...


EEK! YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!
BETTER HOLD ON TIGHT!
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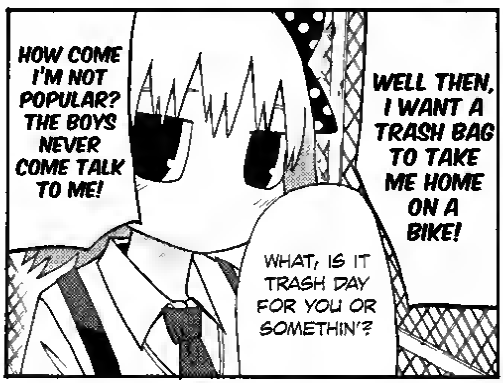
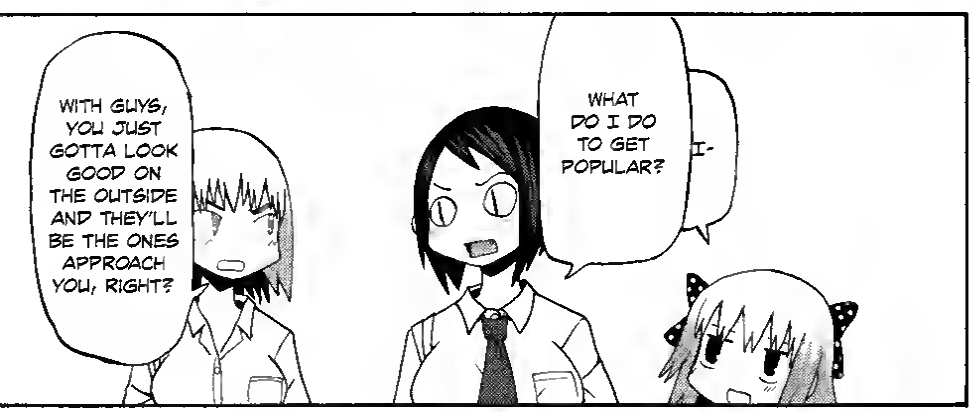
WELL, TAMA, WE STILL DON'T HAVE BOYFRIENDS AND WE'RE 17 ALREADY. ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS KIND OF HIGH SCHOOL LIFE?
WHAT'S WRONG, HANAMURA? YOU'VE GOT A STRANGE LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

I DON'T WANT TO BE WALKING HOME WITH YOU TWO WET TOWELS!!
I WANNA BE POPULAR! I WANT BOYS TO CARRY ME AROUND ON THEIR SHOULDERS!


HOW COME I'M NOT POPULAR? THE BOYS NEVER COME TALK TO ME!
WELL THEN, I WANT A TRASH BAG TO TAKE ME HOME ON A BIKE!
WHAT, IS IT TRASH DAY FOR YOU OR SOMETHIN'?

I'VE GOT THREE OLDER BROTHERS, BUT HONESTLY, MEN ARE THE WORST. THEY'RE JUST LIKE BIG TRASH BAGS THAT TAKE UP SPACE AT HOME.
SHUT UP ALREADY WITH THAT EMBARRASSING WHINING OF YOURS...


WITH GUYS, YOU JUST GOTTA LOOK GOOD ON THE OUTSIDE AND THEY'LL BE THE ONES APPROACH YOU, RIGHT?
WHAT DO I DO TO GET POPULAR?
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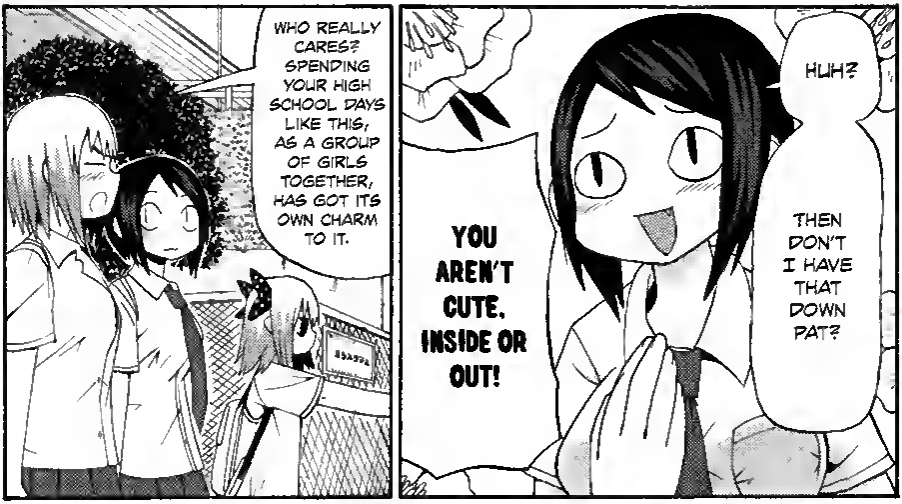
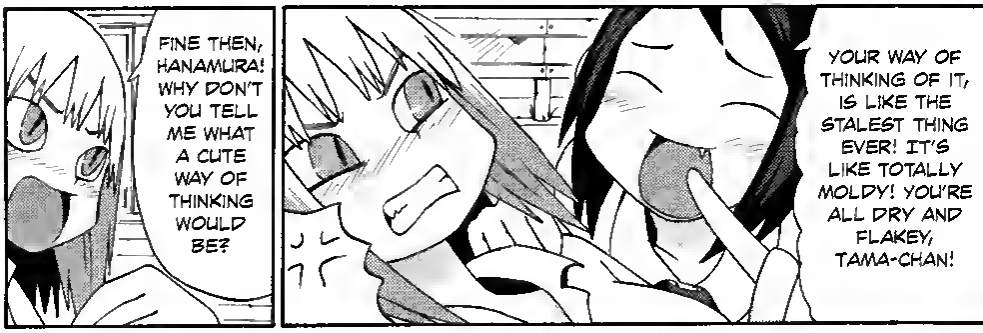
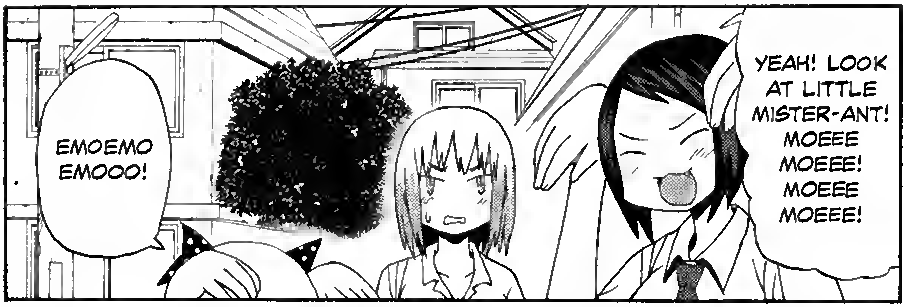

WHO REALLY CARES? SPENDING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS LIKE THIS, AS A GROUP OF GIRLS TOGETHER, HAS GOT ITS OWN CHARM TO IT.
HUH?
THEN DON'T I HAVE THAT DOWN PAT?
YOU AREN'T CUTE. INSIDE OR OUT!

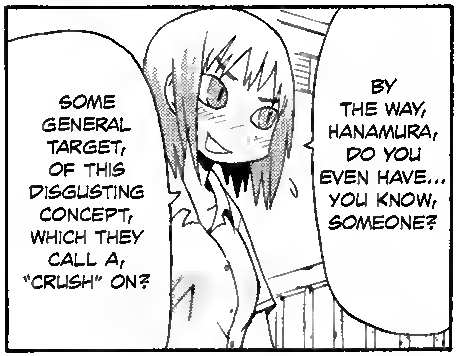

FINE THEN, HANAMURA! WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT A CUTE WAY OF THINKING WOULD BE?
YOUR WAY OF THINKING OF IT, IS LIKE THE STALEST THING EVER! IT'S LIKE TOTALLY MOLDY! YOU'RE ALL DRY AND FLAKEY, TAMA-CHAN!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN...
TO ACTUALLY BE "CUTE"...?
YOU DON'T ACTUALLY NEED TO TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY.

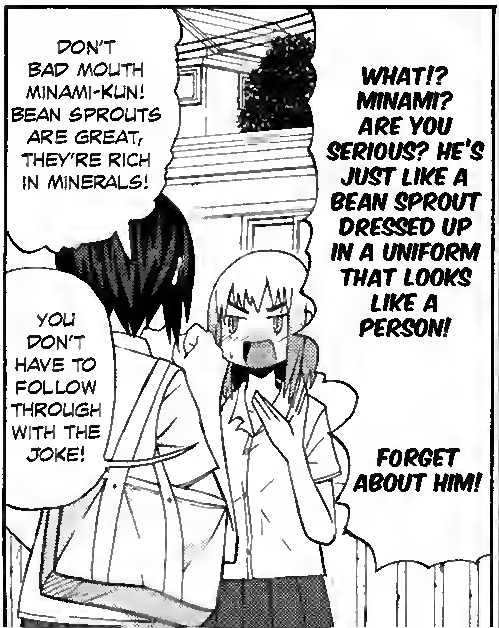
LOOK, LOOK!
THEY'RE CARRYING THE CUTE CANDIES!! LITTLE MISTER-ANTS!!
BUT GIRLS THAT LIKE ANIMALS AND STUFF LIKE THIS ARE POPULAR AMONG GUYS, AREN'T THEY!?
YOU THINK THEY'D CONSIDER A GIRL THAT CALLS ANIMALS, "MISTER" CUTE?
MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE SHE GOT INTERRUPTED EARLIER. BUT SHE'S THE TYPE THAT WOULD'VE BEEN WAITING FOR HER CHANCE TO SPEAK UP THIS ENTIRE TIME.
IT FIGURES, THAT WHEN ONIGAHARA WOULD FINALLY OPEN HER MOUTH, IT'D BE TO BABBLE LIKE A DUMMY ABOUT SOMETHING. YOU REALLY CAN'T EVEN TELL SHE'S A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WITH THE WAY SHE CONSTRUCTS HER SENTENCES.


EMOEMO EMOOO!
YEAH! LOOK AT LITTLE MISTER-ANT! MOEEE MOEEE! MOEEE MOEEE!

Not at all.
What, it's not cute?

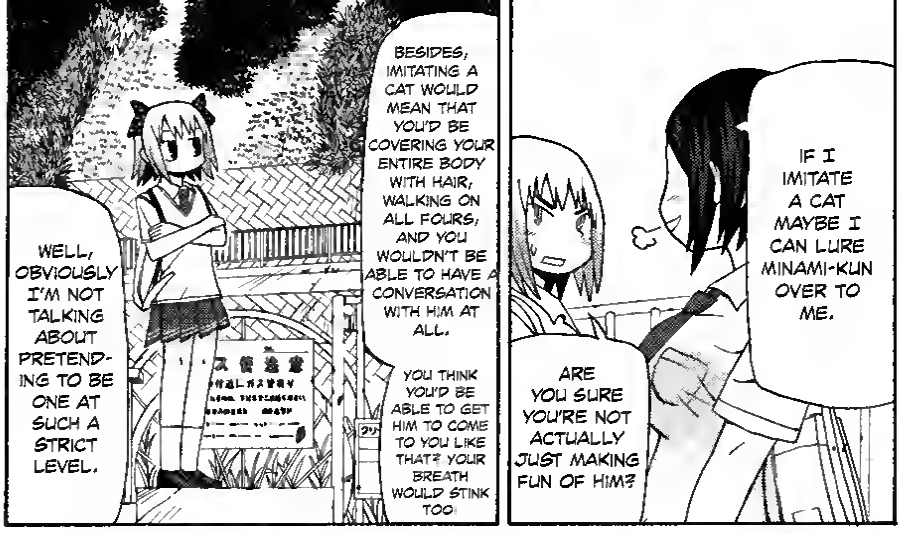

SOME GENERAL TARGET, OF THIS DISGUSTING CONCEPT, WHICH THEY CALL A, "CRUSH" ON?
BY THE WAY, HANAMURA, DO YOU EVEN HAVE... YOU KNOW, SOMEONE?

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT WAY OF THINKING WILL MAKE YOU POPULAR!?
LOOK AT HOW THEY EVEN CLING SO DESPERATELY TO THE DREGS OF TRASH, COVERED IN GERMS THAT WE HUMANS DROP IN ORDER TO TRY TO LIVE. WHAT LOWLY CREATURES THEY ARE! THEIR BODIES ARE SO FRAIL AND WEAK, THAT IF I SO FELT LIKE IT, I COULD KILL THEM ALL IN LESS THAN A MINUTE. YOU CAN'T HELP BUT THINK HOW WRETCHED AND PITIFUL THEY ARE, WHILE WATCHING THESE LITTLE 'MISTER' ANTS TRY SO HARD. MOEEE MOEEEE!

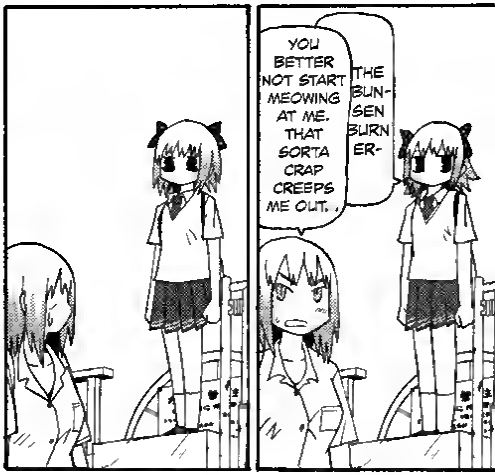

DON'T BAD MOUTH MINAMI-KUN! BEAN SPROUTS ARE GREAT, THEY'RE RICH IN MINERALS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE JOKE!
WHAT!? MINAMI? ARE YOU SERIOUS? HE'S JUST LIKE A BEAN SPROUT DRESSED UP IN A UNIFORM THAT LOOKS LIKE A PERSON!
FORGET ABOUT HIM!

YEAH, SURE!
MINAMI-KUN FROM THE SAME CLASS AS ME!

I WAS SITTIN' NEXT TO HIM ON THE BUS FOR MY EXTRACURRICULAR CLASS, AND HE PUKED ALL OVER ME, AND THEN THEY MADE ME TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR THE ENTIRE DAY! HE'S A SORRY EXCUSE FOR A GUY!
Minami-kun...
THAT'S NOT HIS FAULT, HE CAN'T HELP THAT HE GETS CARSICK! I WOULD'VE LIKED TO NURSE HIM!
I HAD TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM FOR EVERYTHING! I COULDN'T EVEN EAT THAT DAY! IT WAS THE WORST THING EVER! I HATE THAT DAMN BEAN SPROUT JERK! I WANNA PUNCH HIM IN THE FACE!
Y'KNOW, TAMA-CHAN...
THE REALITY IS THAT WE'VE ALL GOT VOMIT INSIDE US!
IT'S ALWAYS THERE SITTING IN OUR STOMACHS! THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO THREW UP AND SOMEONE WHO HASN'T IS A FEW CENTIMETERS IN THE POSITION OF THINGS IN THEIR STOMACH! PLEASE STOP WITH THE DISCRIMINATION! ALL HUMANS ARE SIBLINGS IN THE WORLD OF VOMIT!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S SOME HANDSOME GUY, A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, OR YOU OR ME...
YOU COULD APPLY THE SAME KIND OF LOGIC TO SOMEONE WHO POOPED THEIR PANTS, THOUGH. YOU SURE YOU WANNA CONTINUE WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID?
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MINAMI-KUN, THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM! I WANNA TAKE CARE OF ALL OF HIS NEEDS!
WHAT, SO HE'S MORE HELPLESS THAN A CAT OR DOG?
OH YEAH, I THINK MY LITTLE BEAN SPROUT LIKES CATS!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU CALLING HIM A BEAN SPROUT FOR NOW!?


IF I IMITATE A CAT MAYBE I CAN LURE MINAMI-KUN OVER TO ME.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY JUST MAKING FUN OF HIM?
BESIDES, IMITATING A CAT WOULD MEAN THAT YOU'D BE COVERING YOUR ENTIRE BODY WITH HAIR, WALKING ON ALL FOURS, AND YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH HIM AT ALL.
YOU THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO GET HIM TO COME TO YOU LIKE THAT? YOUR BREATH WOULD STINK TOO!
WELL, OBVIOUSLY I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT PRETENDING TO BE ONE AT SUCH A STRICT LEVEL.

AND YOU, STOP GIVIN' UP ON WHAT YOU WERE SAYIN' JUST 'CAUSE SOMEONE TALKS OVER YOU A BIT!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH A BUNSEN BURNER!?


THE BUN-SEN BURN ER-
YOU BETTER NOT START MEOWING AT ME. THAT SORTA CRAP CREEPS ME OUT.

I THOUGHT EVERYONE WOULD DO IT TODAY. PLAY PRETEND. S-S-S-SO I BROUGHT MY CAT EAR SET.
WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT!?
AND WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED WITH THE BUNSEN BURNER!?

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SFX: NYANYAAN
OH! MINAMI-KUN WILL DEFINITELY TAKE THE BAIT WITH THIS!
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GONNA PUT THAT ON, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. HAVE YOU NO SHAME?
RUB RUB.
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MEOW MEOW MEOW! WELL? I'M PRETTY CUTE, RIGHT?
S-S-STOP THAT.
SFX: NYAA NYAA
REALLY?
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE YOU'RE DOING THAT AT YOUR AGE.
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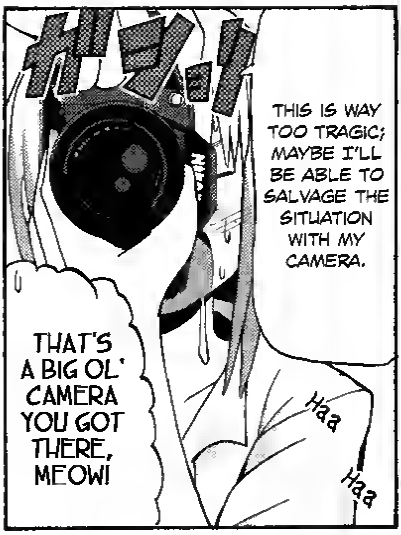
SFX: NYA NYA NYA
OKAY ALREADY, THIS HURTS TO WATCH. C'MON STOP...
SFX: NYA NYA NYA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THIS IS WAY TOO TRAGIC; MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO SALVAGE THE SITUATION WITH MY CAMERA.
THAT'S A BIG OL' CAMERA YOU GOT THERE, MEOW!
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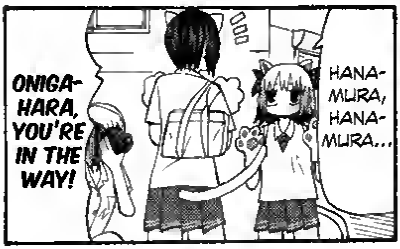
ONIGA-HARA, YOU'RE IN THE WAY!
HANA-MURA, HANA-MURA...

HANAMURA, IT REALLY DOESN'T LOOK GOOD ON YOU. I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST STOP.
I REALLY CAN'T STAND SEEING YOU LIKE THIS.

OH GOD. HANAMURA'S TOO CUTE. SHE'S SUCH A STUPID IDIOOOOOT!!
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SFX HNNNNGGG

HEY, IF YOU FLIPPED YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON IT, YOU COULD CALL IT INTERESTING!
AND TAMA SAID IT WAS WAY TOO TRAGIC AS WELL.
HUH?
!?
OH REALLY? MY BAD.
HEY, C'MON! DON'T TAKE IT OFF! I MEAN, YEAH, IT WAS TRAGIC, BUT IT WAS SO TRAGIC THAT IT WAS GOOD!
WHERE THE HELL DID THE ONIGAHARA THAT WAS TALKING ABOUT HOW CUTE MISTER-ANT WAS, GO!?
WHY'D SHE SUDDENLY TURN INTO THE CHARACTER WITH A SHARP TONGUE!?
THERE'S NO FLIPPING YOUR PERSPECTIVE ABOUT THESE SORT OF THINGS, TAMA.
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE!?
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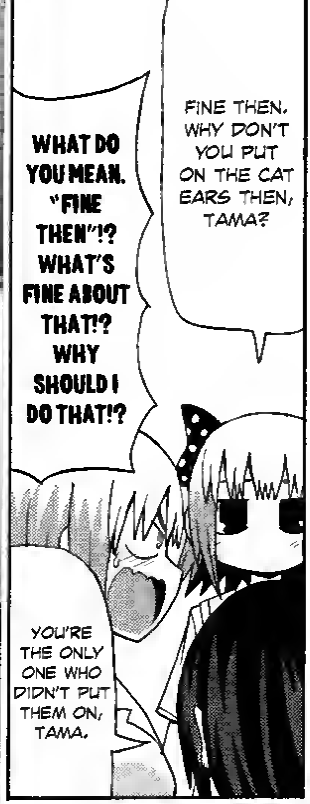
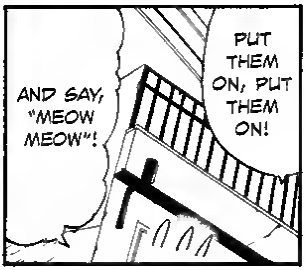
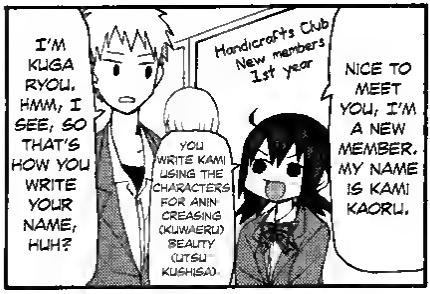
MEOW!
MEOW!

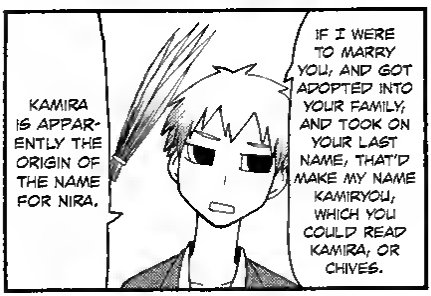

FINE THEN. WHY DON'T YOU PUT ON THE CAT EARS THEN, TAMA?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FINE THEN"!? WHAT'S FINE ABOUT THAT!? WHY SHOULD I DO THAT!?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T PUT THEM ON, TAMA.


PUT THEM ON, PUT THEM ON!
AND SAY, "MEOW MEOW"!

I GUESS THERE'S JUST NO WAY WE WILL EVER BE POPULAR.
WHAT'D YOU JUST MAKE ME DO!? UWAH-HHHHH!!
WHAT THE HELL WAS WITH THAT POSE? A BACK DOUBLE BICEP? UGH, GROSS. YOU'RE DISGUSTING. GO FUCKIN' DIE.

KAMI & SENPAI


I'M KUGA RYOU. HMM, I SEE, SO THAT'S HOW YOU WRITE YOUR NAME, HUH?
YOU WRITE KAMI USING THE CHARACTERS FOR ANIN CREASING (KUWAERU) BEAUTY (UTSU) KUSHISA).
Handicraft's Club New members 1st year
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M A NEW MEMBER. MY NAME IS KAMI KAORU.


KAMIRA IS APPARENTLY THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME FOR NIRA.
IF I WERE TO MARRY YOU, AND GOT ADOPTED INTO YOUR FAMILY, AND TOOK ON YOUR LAST NAME, THAT'D MAKE MY NAME KAMIRYOU, WHICH YOU COULD READ KAMIRA, OR CHIVES.

WHAT!? MARRY YOU!? I'M NOT GONNA MARRY YOU! HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT!? THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET!! THIS GUY IS SO FREAKIN' CREEPY!
I REALLY LOVE EATING SAUTEED LIVER AND CHIVES. AH MAN, I'M HUNGRY. I GUESS I'LL GO HOME.

I MEAN, COME ON! I'M NOT EVEN THINKING ABOUT MARRIAGE YET! AND IF I WERE TO GET MARRIED, IT'D DEFINITELY BE WITH SOMEONE WHO COULD PROTECT ME AND TO BEGIN WITH, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE CONCEPT OF MARRIAGE IS...
WHY'S HE TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE? WHAT A TOTAL WEIRDO! THERE'S NO WAY I'D MARRY A CREEP LIKE HIM! I DON'T THINK HE'D BE RELIABLE! NO, NOPE, NOT AT ALL, NO MARRIAGE!